

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3-8, 11-12, and 15-18 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 9, 10, and 13 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 9, 10, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by JP Publication No. 11-339294 (Yasuda et al. – hereinafter Yasuda).

On page 5, the Office action states,

Yasuda clearly discloses that the magnet is displaced in the direction of "tracking" (X), as [shown] in Fig. 1(b), which is in a radial direction of the disc toward the outer circumference of the disc to an asymmetric position such that the electromagnetic force acts on the blade asymmetrically.

Yasuda discusses an objective lens driving gear, which converges light on the surface of an optical disk [Para. 0001]. However, Yasuda does not teach or suggest, "an outer circumference of the disc" as recited in independent claims 1, 9, 10, and 13.

Thus, Yasuda does not teach or suggest "...the magnet is displaced a predetermined distance from a center line of the blade to an asymmetric position such that the electromagnetic force acts on the blade asymmetrically and in a radial direction of the disc toward an outer circumference of the disc" as recited in independent claim 1, for example.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

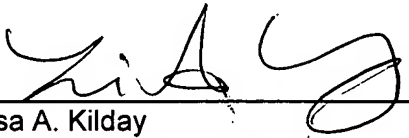
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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